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In re application of: Varriale et al.

Application No.: 09/675,464

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Examiner: Thomas M. Lithgow

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MULTISTAGE LIQUID FILTRATION

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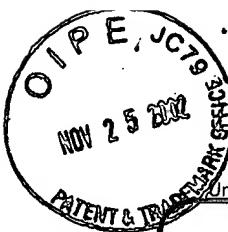
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144	620	244	310 Plant issue fee	
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1. Transmitted herewith is a Response to Restriction Requirement for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

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3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.
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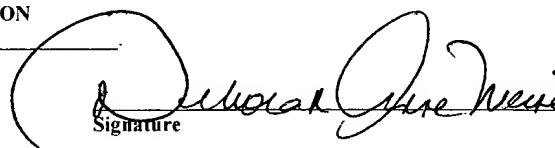
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